

HOUSE BILL No. 1206

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-21-2; IC 24-5-0.5-13.

Synopsis: Hospitals. Provides that it is an incurable deceptive act for a facility that offers health care services to use the term "hospital" in the facility's name or advertising unless the facility is an emergency medical service facility. Provides that a hospital must contain an emergency medical service facility. Provides an exemption from the emergency medical service requirement for hospitals that provide only long term care services.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-111 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 111. "Emergency
3 medical service facility", for purposes of **IC 16-21-2**, IC 16-31, and
4 IC 16-41, means those facilities that are licensed and operated under
5 IC 16-21-2 and that are equipped, prepared, and staffed to provide
6 medical care for emergency patients.

7 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-163.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
8 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 163.4. "Health care services", for**
10 **purposes of IC 16-21-2-17, has the meaning set forth in**
11 **IC 16-21-2-17(a).**

12 SECTION 3. IC 16-21-2-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
13 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
14 1, 2009]: **Sec. 17. (a) As used in this section, "health care services"**
15 **has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-10-1(p).**

16 **(b) A facility that offers health care services may not use the**
17 **term "hospital" or an abbreviation of the term in the facility's**

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1 name or advertising unless the facility is an emergency medical
2 service facility or is a hospital that provides only long term care
3 services.

4 (c) A facility that violates subsection (b) commits an incurable
5 deceptive act under IC 24-5-0.5-13.

6 SECTION 4. IC 16-21-2-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2009]: Sec. 18. (a) This section does not apply to a hospital that
9 provides only long term care services.

10 (b) A hospital licensed under this chapter must contain an
11 emergency medical service facility.

12 SECTION 5. IC 24-5-0.5-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
13 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
14 1, 2009]: Sec. 13. A violation of IC 16-21-2-17 is an incurable
15 deceptive act under this chapter.

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